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Reply Under 37 CFR §1.111 INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir,

In response to the Official Office Action mailed April 19, 2004 and having a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration or further examination of the claimed invention and consideration of the remarks herein